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2. Defendants will name an expert to testify regarding industry standards for medical facilities on board merchant marine vessels and delivery of medical services to seamen serving aboard merchant marine vessels such as the M/V JACK LUMMUS. This expert will offer rebuttal testimony to Plaintiff's Dr. Osborne as well as his or her affirmative opinions.

DATED: May 1, 2006.

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1	<u>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</u>
2	The undersigned hereby certifies that on the 1st day of May 2006, I will cause to be
3	served, via hand delivery, a true and correct copy of DEFENDANTS EXPERT WITNESS
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James Short, Australian DOT Chief Engineer

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Associated Surveyors:

John Robinson MNI, UK Master Mariner Foreign Going,

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History: -

Incorporated in the Commonwealth Northern Mariana Islands (C.N.M.I.), September 1993, and more recently in Australia and Guam. Previously incorporated as the surveying department of Vimar Offshore Industries (VOI), a marine services company in the C.N.M.I..

Allied Marine Surveyors Limited (AMS) through its principals offers a range of marine survey services inter alia: ISO & ISM Auditing, hull and machinery surveys, cargo loading and discharge (general, bulk, liquid, hazardous), heavy lift and project cargoes, draft, insurance valuation and condition, marine cargo claims, average adjusting. Additionally, it offers stevedoring consulting services particularly where it pertains to project and heavy lift

The principals of AMS, have over 70 years combined experience in marine surveying. They have performed:

- 1. H & M & IMO safety certificate surveys for Lloyds Registry, American Bureau of Shipping, Det Norske Veritas, Bureau Veritas, Vanuatu, various flag states;
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- 3. Stability surveys for United States Coast Guard and underwriters;
- 4. Underwater hull surveys for American Bureau of Shipping, Bureau Veritas, Germanscher Lloyd, owners and underwriters,
- 5. Cargo loading and discharge surveys for numerous P & I clubs, underwriters, consignees, survey companies and shippers;
- 6. Draft surveys for numerous shippers, consignees and ship owners, port authorities survey companies and bailees;
- 7. Marine Cargo Damage surveys and average adjusting for numerous underwriters including Lloyds, consignees, P & I clubs, ship owners, and shippers;
- 8. Condition and Valuation surveys
- 9. Salvage and repair evaluation, supervision, and performance for numerous owners, underwriters, and authorities,
- 10. ISO & ISM audits and consulting

Additionally, the principals have been actively involved in ship management, ownership, chartering and operation, so have broadly based experience in interpreting the information gained from surveys, particularly as it pertains to, and affects all of the interested parties.

They have consulted to and performed numerous specialised cargo deliveries including heavy lifts, dangerous and hazardous cargoes.

The principals have testified at court hearings, government hearings and arbitration hearings where their technical testimony and opinion was accepted and affected the decisions of the courts.

Associations: Allied Marine Surveyors Limited is associated with the Society of Naval Architects & Marine Engineers, Australian Institute of Marine Surveyors, as well as other leading marine services and surveying companies, and experts throughout the world for technical and physical backup.

Divers: Noel Slapp, James Pinson, Fred Nosek, Rick Seidler

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CURRICULUM VITÆ

NOEL SLAPP

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15 August 1956 P.O. Box 3 CHRB, Saipan, MP96950.

Nationality:

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Member

Australian Institute of Marine Surveyors No. 220 Society of Naval Architects & Marine Engineers, NJ

Appointed Surveyor to

Lloyds' agent for marine cargo losses, and

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Correspondent for:

Throughtrans Services (Asia) Limited as General Correspondent

for the Through Transport Club

Accepted as expert witness in:

US Federal Court, and

National and State courts of Federated States of Micronesia

1. EDUCATION:

1974:

Higher School Certificate -

matriculated 95%-100%

1976 1978 Dive Master

Obtained Certificate of Competency Second Mates Unlimited

Foreign Going.

1978-1980

Attended Sydney Technical College (Nautical) engineering

(1980)

Obtained Certificate of Competency First Mates Unlimited Foreign

Going.

Obtained Certificate of Competency Master Foreign Going

Unlimited (Australian No. 425).

1984 1997

Obtained certification (Stebbing & Partners, Inc.) IRCA course No. 9891 - Auditor/Lead Auditor for ISM and ISO

1997

Obtained Annual Safety Inspector No. ISB-07 from Directorate General of Consular and Maritime Affairs, Republic of Panamá

1998

Obtained Annual Safety Inspector No. IMD-75 from Directorate General of Consular and Maritime Affairs, Republic of Panamá

Other Certificates Held

Radar Observers Radar Simulator Radio Telephony

Courses Attended

Shipmaster's Medical Advanced Fire Fighting Liferaft Simulator Average Adjusters

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